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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION - JOSE JIMENEZ CENTOR

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1. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY CONTACTS IN PARIS PARQUET, JOSE JIMENEZ CENTOR, SPANISH NATIONAL, BORN DECEMBER 29, 1925, IS PRESENTLY DETAINED AT LA SANTE PRISON, PARIS ON CHARGES OF VIOLATING FRENCH NARCOTICS LAWS. CASE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION (EXAMINING MAGISTRATE - JUDGE TROCHERIS). FRENCH ALSO HAVE RECEIVED REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF JIMENEZ TO SPAIN.

2. DEA PARIS ADVISES THAT FRENCH CENTRAL NARCOTICS OFFICE HAS INFORMED THEM THAT FRENCH INTEND TO PRESS THEIR OWN CHARGES AGAINST JIMENEZ. THESE CHARGES MAY BE TIED TO SOME OF CHARGES OUTSTANDING AGAINST JIMENEZ IN THE UNITED STATES. JIMENEZ WAS ARRESTED IN PARIS SEPTEMBER 24, 1974 BY FRENCH POLICE ON BASIS OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY DEA, WHICH INCLUDED STATEMENTS BY ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS IN CASE OF MAURICE SCHOCH ET AL. (SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK). FRENCH CHARGE AGAINST JIMENEZ APPARENTLY IS CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE FRENCH NARCOTICS LAWS (PRESUMABLY BY ILLEGAL EXPORTATION TO U.S.).

3. IF JIMENEZ IS TRIED AND CONVICTED OF FRENCH CHAR-
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GES, HE FACES PROBABLE SENTENCE HERE OF 3 TO 5 YEARS.

HE HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSENT TO EXTRADITION AND COOPERATE WITH PROSECUTION IN U.S., BUT ON CONDITION THAT FRENCH CHARGES ARE DROPPED. (PRESUMABLY THIS WOULD ALSO DEPEND ON OUTCOME OF SPANISH EXTRADITION REQUEST).

4. THERE APPEARS TO BE SEVERAL OBSTACLES TO EXTRADITION OF JIMENEZ AT PRESENT TIME:

(A) IF FRENCH CHARGES ARE PRESSED TO CONCLUSION AND RESULT IN CONVICTION, JIMENEZ WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR EXTRADITION FOR AN ESTIMATED THREE TO FIVE YEARS;

(B) SPANISH EXTRADITION REQUEST PRECEDES ANY REQUEST BY U.S. AND PRESUMABLY WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY, UNLESS SPANISH WERE PERSUADED TO DROP THEIR REQUEST;

(C) TO THE EXTENT THAT U.S. CHARGES AGAINST JIMENEZ ARE RELATED TO SAME ACT OR OFFENSE FOR WHICH HE IS TRIED IN FRANCE, HE WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT BE EXTRADITABLE (ARTICLE VIII, EXTRADITION CONVENTION).
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